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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:  
Norbert Hofgen, et al.

Application No.: 10/081,642

Group Art Unit: 1625

Filed: February 21, 2002

Examiner: J. T. Fan

For: HYDROXYINDOLES, THEIR USE AS  
INHIBITORS OF PHOSPHODIESTERASE  
AND PROCESS FOR THEIR  
PREPARATION.

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

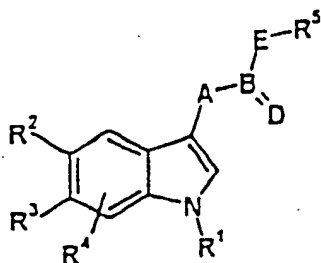
Responsive to the Office Action dated November 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

21. A process for preparing a compound of Formula 1

OK see p. 1 of spec.



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and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>5</sup> are independently of each other